

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 4 – Please replace paragraph [0007] with the amended paragraph as follows:

It is an objective of the present invention to produce a thin cardholder as well as a thin magnifying cardholder to protect the magnetic stripe and/or IC chip of a standardized card carried by a person such as credit cards/debit cards (including smart cards) and the like. The thin cardholder/thin magnifying cardholder with the standardized card(s) thereon is able to fit easily into the card compartments of an ordinary wallet or a purse without adding much bulk to it. The thin magnifying cardholder may also be referred to as a thin cardholder shaped magnifier.

Page 8 – Please replace paragraph [0016] with the amended paragraph as follows:

The above set forth and other featured aspects of the invention are made more apparent in the ensuing detailed description of the invention when read in conjunction with the related examples described and illustrated in the ~~accompanying examples described and illustrated in the accompanying drawing,~~ wherein:

Page 8 – Please replace paragraph [0021], bridging to page 9, line 8, with the amended paragraph as follows:

Fig. 1 of the drawings is illustrative of an example embodiment of a ~~cardholder~~ cardholder/cardholder shaped magnifier according to the present invention. In the Fig. 1 example embodiment, the cardholder shaped magnifier 10 can be referred to as a cardholder shaped fresnel magnifying lens since it is made of the same material as that used for forming the viewing portion which has the fresnel contour lines. Specifically, the cardholder 10, which is for holding a standardized card as well as for use as a magnifying lens, is made from a one-piece of transparent sheet made of thermoplastic material such as a polyvinyl chloride

(PVC), polycarbonate, polyester, and the like, although not limited thereto. The cardholder 10 is an integral part of the fresnel lens and the lens, in turn, is an integral part of the cardholder.

Page 11 – Please replace paragraph [0026], bridging to the end of page 12, last line, with the amended paragraph as follows:

The method of making (manufacture) of the cardholder shaped magnifying lens such as with regard to that shown in Fig. 1, although not limited thereto, calls for providing a one-piece clear plastic sheet with fresnel contour lines formed at a portion thereof. Since the making of a thermoplastic fresnel lens *per se* is well known to the lens making and plastic industries, no attempt will be made to describe the making of such a lens. As described earlier in the Specification, the one-piece clear plastic sheet may be constituted of thermoplastic material such as PVC, polycarbonate, polyester or any other similar type material. The fresnel magnifying lens is formed in the thermo-plastic material by, for example, stamping the desired fresnel contour lines onto a surface (side) of the material. Alternatively, the thermo-plastic sheet may be pressed onto a fresnel lens to form a fresnel lens pattern (e.g., contour lines for magnification) on the thermo-plastic sheet using heat pressing. The clear plastic sheet with the fresnel contour lines at a portion thereof is then modified in shape, for example, is die-cut into a shape such as a rectangle shape of a standardized card size and with tab-like extensions provided at a pair of opposing edges of the rectangle such as along the elongated edges of the rectangle (although not limited thereto). The die-cut one-piece plastic sheet having a rectangle shape which is provided with tab-like extensions along the elongated edges (longitudinal edges) is shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings. A further aspect of the die-cutting phase in the manufacture of the cardholder, optionally, may include also the curving of all of the corners of the rectangle as well as the corners of the tab-like extensions

thereof, as shown in Fig. 2. Also optionally, the shape modification, for example, the die-cutting phase, may include cutting away a portion at one or both of the other pair of opposing edges of the rectangle such as shown by reference 18' in Fig. 2 of the drawings. The one-piece clear thermo-plastic sheet that is die-cut, according to this method, as well as the blank base portion and the portion stamped with the fresnel contour lines as well as the curved tab-like extensions of the rectangle shape are shown by reference numerals 10', 12', 14' and 16', respectively, in Fig. 2.

Page 13 – Please replace paragraph [0027] with the amended paragraph as follows:

Following this phase, the method also calls for forming a pair of opposing parallel folded edges of the die-cut rectangle-shaped plastic sheet by a heating and bending process which permits the softened tab-like extensions thereof to be folded so as to form a pair of tracks on the same side of the cardholder. This involves placing the die-cut thermoplastic lens securely over a heating table 20 which has two parallel and embedded electric heating elements 24 appropriately distanced from each other and each having a length corresponding to the length of the tab-like extensions to be folded. In that regard, the die-cut rectangle-shaped one-piece thermoplastic sheet is placed securely over the heating table and a controlled amount of heat is delivered to the lens material (i.e., the thermo-plastic sheet) via the heating elements. This phase in the method of manufacture can be seen with regard to Figs. 2 and 3 of the drawings in which the die-cut plastic sheet is rested on the heating table and bounded by the four curved corner holders 22 which hold the die-cut lens sheet in place. As can be seen from Fig. 4, the heating elements 24 are situated approximately beneath the location of the longitudinal edges of the rectangle where the folding action of the tab-like extensions 16' are to take place. Once the thermo-plastic material is softened, the softened tab-like extensions are,

for example, bent 180° to thereby form a pair of folded edges and realize the formation on the same side of the rectangle two opposing, parallel J-shaped tracks 16" as can be seen from Fig. 5 of the drawings. A summary of the phases involved in the making of the cardholder shaped fresnel magnifying lens, according to the present invention, is shown by the flow-diagram shown in Fig. 6A of the drawings, which relates to that described with regard to Figs. 2-5 of the drawings.